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**PART III**  
**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATS  
(ELECTION BRANCH)

**ORDER**

The 27th February, 2024

**No. S.O. 16/P.A.9/1994/S. 29-A/2024.**-Whereas as per section 15 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act (Punjab Act No. 9 of 1994), the term of office of a Gram Panchayat is five years from the date of its first meeting;

Whereas Article 243E of the Constitution of India mandates that every Panchayat shall continue for five years from the date of its first meeting; and

Whereas the State Government considers it necessary in public interest to smoothly carry on the work of the panchayats in the State during the intervening period.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29-A of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to dissolve the Gram Panchayats, which have completed the term of five years from the date of their first meeting, in terms of Article 243E of the Constitution of India and section 15 of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, and to authorize the Director, Rural Development and Panchayats-cum- Special Secretary to appoint persons from amongst the Rural Development and Panchayats Department in the rank of Assistant Engineers, Junior Engineers, Social Education and Panchayat Officer, Village Development Organizer and Panchayat Officer, subject to their availability in the respective Block, as the case may be. The appointed officer shall, upon dissolution of each such Gram Panchayat, perform the functions and exercise the powers of such Gram Panchayat, till the elected body assumes charge of office, in accordance with law.

**ALOK SHEKHAR,**  
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